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The listed reference was cited in an Office Action issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-271648. Copies of the reference and the Japanese Office Action, dated July 22, 2008, are enclosed.

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U.S. Patent No. 6,279,603 is believed to be an English-language counterpart of the listed reference. U.S. Patent No. 6,279,603 and the other references listed in the Japanese Office Action were previously cited in Information Disclosure Statements dated April 10, 2008, and March 16, 2006, in the subject application and therefore have not been included in this Information Disclosure Statement.

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